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MASS CONSCIOUSNESS

THE more I see the more I am convinced that Humanity today is under a *hypnotic spell* that holds them down to the physical plane level, where they are prisoners indeed in the flesh, and they all act in unison by a power thrown over them from a plane outside themselves. The souls of men are so many babes in the hands of these Higher Powers who are the psychological arms of our Organized Churches, Catholic, Protestant and Non-Protestant alike; for whatever is sent out as mental suggestion is immediately caught up by unsuspecting souls and they say, act and think along the lines laid down by these outside agencies.

There is an old saying, "It is the dead who animate so-called living forms." I always doubted this, as the artificers behind the scenes, *the evil wise men,* who are still living are really the dead who do the animating. How far and how long this business can go on depends upon how long the American people will be ruled by foreign powers, powers foreign to themselves.

Anyone with half an eye can see what is going on at Washington, D. C. The People's Government has passed away and we have the sorry spectacle of a coalition of Democrat and Republican forces who have betrayed their trust in order to better entrench themselves from any stray shots from independent action on the part of the People.

I think it is about time that Americans were beginning to sense that something is radically wrong with the whole process of Government as it stands today. They wait every four years for the newspapers to swamp their consciousness with lies, falsities, and deception regarding the candidate and his merits, playing one side against the other side, as though there were in reality two sides instead of only one side with the moneyed powers standing behind pulling invisible wires to strangle all free action on the part of the People to elect their own man and set the American House in order again.

People do not see that the mass conscious attack on them every four years is a diabolic trick that prevents them from thinking for themselves and obstructing free action. They are victims of *Mass conscious attack* from the presses as well as the pulpit, and until they come to regard their own interests as superior to and above the interests of Wall Street, London and Rome, they will go down, down, further and further into the pits of oblivion and ignominy until there will be no more Republic because the Principles which supported it have been destroyed by evil men who wrested it from their hands by *depriving them of their right to think for themselves!*

What have we today for our folly of thinking as the newspapers, financial controlled magazines,

preachers, teachers, paid politicians, hired gangsters and the support of the underworld would have us think? A picture scene that is becoming more and more grotesque ludicrous and theatrical, as Americans ape everything that is placed before their little eyes. The happenings in the newspapers are beginning to betray the wholesale onslaught behind the scenes. For whatever the mind can conjure in the way of evil and wrong doing is recorded in their columns and it must have taken place or they would not have dared to print it. Now, reverse this mass-conscious state and say, they would not print it if they were not able to make it come true. Do you understand?

YE GODS! what evil now is in store for Humanity! Whatever these demons think, they can project on the mass conscious state of Humanity and Humanity acts accordingly. What evils are in store for us if we permit this thing to continue much longer. How remedied, say you? Destroy the whole business and overnight America will come into her own and be Free of Wall Street, London and Rome.

Our Religions are foreign in thought and action, our Newspapers are foreign controlled, our large business interests are interlinked with foreign capital and foreign investors, our own Government is under the dictates of foreign powers, so what is there left for America to do to again become America for Americans is to undo the whole business.

Set Up a New Government!

Where the interests of the American People will function again free from any outside agencies who regard their pocketbooks as superior to the interests of the American Republic when its own Soul preservation is at stake!

BLACK MAGIC!

AND furthermore whatever these Evil Powers wish to precipitate can be accomplished with as much ease as it can be recorded in any book or in print! For instance, an event must be put forward on the physical plane of action and the broadcasters need only to suggest to their *unseen entities* their wishes and the *unseen entities* immediately get busy and carry out the purpose of the well wishers. This is how the last World War was precipitated over and above the heads of the People and the U. S. A. was drawn into the maelstrom by the same *modus operandi.* First a preparedness program in the newspapers, then a little more action on German atrocities, followed by the sinking of the Lusitania; all pictures, bear in mind in the minds and thought projections of these Evil Powers, when Presto! the etheric wires are pulled and we have America plunged into the heart of battle by our Dark Brothers, the manipulators of Black Magic!

But, say you, if the events leading up to the War were merely thought pictures or thought projections then the War itself must have been only a mimic war, a picture war as you are wont to describe it. What, may I ask, *is this whole process of human embodiment but a picture-show,* unreal, diabolical and devilish, holding down Souls that today should be enjoying the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth instead of a Hell of War, Murder, Greed, Selfishness and downright Prostitution? And the Souls who sacrificed themselves on the field of Battle were the only dead in the picture world you describe and not in reality?

Now don't you know that Death is only the result of wrong thinking through the wrong thought action projected upon the Souls of Men, and were this outside agency of Magic withdrawn there would be no Death, neither would there be any Birth, for both would be swallowed up in Victory over the Blacks who are strong enough to bring the Souls into an unconscious state for a period.

No, You Reply, I Never Knew That

There are many more things which you do not know and which I am going to tell you about in the columns of DIVINE LIFE, but have patience; what I have already given out should be enough to make you think, and instead of believing that you are the sinner, born in sin, turn your thoughts toward the Light of Liberation from this prison of the flesh and DEMAND YOUR RELEASE FROM WRONG THINKING AND YOUR MASS CONSCIOUS DEMAND WILL DISSOLVE ALL THE DARK POWERS IN ACTION AND YOU SHALL ENJOY IMMORTALITY IN THE FLESH AND BE FREE FOREVERMORE.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

HAVE just read the last three issues of Dr. Stokes' publication, "The Critic," Washington, D. C., devoted to Theosophic and prison work and I must confess so far as Theosophy is concerned he had best leave it entirely out of "The Critic." I do not doubt Dr. Stokes' sincere earnestness in the Cause he espouses, namely a "Back to Blavatsky" Movement, but his eternal faith in MASTERS is to my mind the greatest sin he could commit against the pure name of THEOSOPHY, The Ancient Wisdom.

He has much to say relative to the sins of Mrs. Besant and Charles Leadbeater and his motive in attacking these two members *is merely on the surface.* He does not denounce Mrs. Besant or Charles Leadbeater *for their belief in MASTERS,* only that the MASTER'S messages do not seem to coincide with the messages that Madame Blavatsky received. In this we see Dr. Stokes as much a hypnotized subject of the MASTERS as Mrs. Besant and Leadbeater themselves. It thus resolves itself into a *reform* within the original Blavatsky Movement, and not a demolition of the whole un-theosophical edifice as it should be were Dr. Stokes really awake spiritually and alive mentally.

From the last three issues of "The Critic," we learn from Dr. Stokes that all is confusion and chaos in the ranks of Mrs. Besant's World Wide Organization. The MASTERS seem to have deserted her, her Coming Christ has fallen off his little pedestal, The Order of the Star in the East has been disbanded, The Liberal Catholic Churchmen are at odds with the Theosophical heads, the Membership of her World Wide Society is falling off and interest is rapidly declining, the cat has spilt the milk and everyone seems to be running hither and thither not even inquiring "Whither are we Drifting?"

This is only the prediction the DIVINE LIFE made back in 1911 when Mrs. Besant brought forth her False Christ and palmed him off on the World as an article that should not be questioned but for which we must await developments. She has sown to the wind, and she must now reap the whirlwind.

Dr. Stokes is really in sympathy with some of Mrs. Besant's moves and his outright flaying of the Society

is merely a ruse of the Doctor's to occupy the outside field of opposition, so that no one, who denounces the whole thing as part of the original fake which Madame Blavatsky played the World can quite be regarded a Theosophist, because unfair in their opposition to the MASTERS OF WISDOM. For he knows that his own sins of supporting fake MASTERS is as great as any minor mistake Mrs. Besant might make in giving messages and acting contrary to their wishes.

A "Back to Blavatsky" move in our eyes is simply a "Back to Where We Are?" Movement, they can never go back for the simple reason they have never gone forward. The Doctor in flaying the side issues which Mrs. Besant and Leadbeater have foisted upon the Society only lays himself open to censure. What has he himself done with his "Critic" and his work of the Oriental Esoteric Library League to dispel the belief in these False MASTERS? Nothing. He has simply encouraged this rank falseness and encourages those who have not the mental power to do their own thinking to join his movement, sell their Souls to the Masters, and thereafter all is well. But is it?

If Dr. Stokes thinks the day will ever come when all will be harmony in a Society of Rogues, who are banded and disbanded together to fool the World he is sadly mistaken. This ruse may go down well with our Dark Brothers the Jesuits, but the Theosophical Society has brooked too many storms for the deception to last much longer.

One of these fine days a Master will step forth and denounce Dr. Stokes, and it will be his own inner Master or Higher Self. Thereafter there will be no more "Critic," for there will be no more Dr. Stokes

to support it. For he will see the Truth and the Truth will dispel his belief in MASTERS OF WISDOM!

THE WORLD IS GOING PSYCHIC!

PSYCHIC visions are now being cast upon the World from three different planes, the first plane is solely material, though outside our physical and is low, vile and devilish. The moving picture world at Hollywood is a very concrete example. All the lower sensual desires of the mind are included therein and woe be unto man if he follows the dictates of his lower nature for if he does Hell and Hell a-plenty is in store for him. We are getting a taste of it today in our daily newspapers where everything that the mind can conjure is being recorded in its columns. Hence I say the outside world or world of phantasmal dreams are now being precipitated upon us to do their share in the Grand State of Confusion which is about to be the store and fate of the Whole World!

Next, the purer state of vision is being reflected from the higher mind, though still colored by the lower and we have religious paroxysms and emotional frenzy coupled with fits of anger and revenge staged to help throw the World in a state of wild excitement, hence we see Church antagonisms, stock exchange explosions, earthquake shocks, wars, droughts, False Christs and all the unreal fancies that are due solely to the erratic fluctuations of the mind working in unison with the ebb and flow of our desire nature.

Thirdly, we have the still higher reflections of the mental state but free from emotion and anger and coupled with a ray from the Divine, with Reformers

busy with predictions, Church Organizations getting ready for a Great Era of Reformation, and Schools and Colleges engaging in the higher work of delving into man's Spiritual nature and asking of Evolution what Evolution alone can teach them. Whence, How and Whither is the destiny and ultimate goal of Human Life?

The three states are all the outcome of a cataclysmic disturbance of Nature's forces but this must come like lightning and thunder before a storm. The Storm now raging on the interior planes is a Storm brought about by the End of the World. Will we all die? No, we will all begin to live as never before. Things will move so fast before our eyes that we will sense the cause underlying human existence. Religious organizations will topple, men and women will leave the churches, great banking institutions with billions will go to pieces over night, people will run to and fro not knowing what to do, whither to go or to whom they should appeal for help for the Great Transition is now upon us and thousands upon thousands of people will die from the cataclysmic storms, mental and spiritual which are now our dire fate to experience here on this Earth plane.

THE MAHATMA FAKE!

MAHATMA," in reality simply means "a great soul," one who is spiritually wise. And although it is true "a great soul" is hard to find, as stated in The Song Celestial, mention might be made of many names—great Souls—who have lived, as other men, and taught. There are amongst us today great Souls, spiritually wise—they are those who know

the truth regarding the deep things of the Spirit. These great Souls are men we know, whose lives among us are realities; whose written words we can read, and whose works we can understand. "Great Souls! Of course we have great Souls in the West."

"A truly great Soul is great and plain, straightforward, above board, a reality, as that great soul Emerson was an actual reality; a great and wise soul in the body of man; great and simple, and plain, possessed of knowledge and power of expression; a reality, and not a fetish, not a sorcerer, not a migician except in a spiritual sense, not a dealer in Black Magic. Notwithstanding that the soul is great and plain, we are asked to believe in certain imaginary, occult, mysterious, non-existent, semi-human impossible beings, termed 'The Mahatmas,' and sometimes 'Masters,' who are given out as being a few hundred years of age, more or less, supposed to reside in Tibet, or in some inaccessible place on the top of the Himalaya Mountains.

"Although it is evident some are impelled to believe in occult creations of the astral imagination, fortunately we are not compelled to accept the same. And should we prefer the undoubted testimony of our own heart and reason, and the evidence of genuine teachers, 'Great Souls,' whose words of wisdom we can read and study for ourselves, we are at liberty to choose realities of spiritual knowledge in preference to the creations of the astral imagination and pseudo-occultism.

"There does not appear to be any satisfactory evidence forthcoming in proof of the asserted existence of the mysterious beings referred to; they are more impalpable than the Ghost of Hamlet's father. And

suppose for a moment there was any proof of their existence what then? We have great souls in the West, great and plain; great teachers — straightforward, genuine, true, spiritually wise.

What Do We Want?

"Do we want astralism, mediumistic spiritism, phenomena, miracle illusion, deception, pseudo-occultism, trickery, hocus-pocus, mixed up with Hindu cosmogony and theories, as brimstone is mixed with treacle? Or do we want the truth? Do we desire from the heart to be spiritually enlightened? Do we desire to understand ourselves and the teaching of the wisest and best?

"The so-called 'Mahatmas' of Tibet are further *imagined* as *giving out*—in the sense of 'doling out,' in installments—something. Now what on earth is it that they are supposed to dole out in small quantities? Do we find 'that it is anything of real importance to the soul of man? Is it anything vital, anything new, anthing real, or personal? Is it anything spiritual?

"Or is it Hindu cosmogony, which was given out long ago, we presume, by the sages of old? Is it a theory of the sevenfold constitution of man? *That is not new.* Is it a theory of planetary chains, world periods, human tide-waves, root-races, sub-races, submerged continents and so forth? Is it occultism or psychic science? Information regarding these subjects can be obtained through more reliable sources, and quite apart from the imaginary 'Mahatmas.'

"Why try to invest imaginary 'Masters of occultism with supposed omnipotence? 'Mahatma' simply means 'a great soul' of such there are authentic records and evidence close to our doors at home; there is no necessity to wander into the wilds of Tibet to discover

'great souls.' And as for a Master, or *the* Master there is no necessity for us to believe in imaginary 'Masters' of occultism of the Himalayas. The Master (Higher Self) is in the Heart.

"There lives a Master in the hearts of men
Maketh their deeds, by subtile pulling strings,
Dance to what time He will. With all thy soul
Trust Him, and take Him for thy succor!
So—only so—shalt thou gain—
By grace of Him—the uttermost respose
The Eternal Place!

"Regarding the fictitious 'Mahatmas' we are informed as follows: 'The further we advance in occult study the more exalted in *many ways* become our conception of the Mahatmas.' This is questionable. Further we read: 'The Mahatmas are persistent in asserting that they are not infallible, that they are men, like the rest of us, perhaps with a somewhat more enlarged comprehension of nature than the generality of mankind, but still liable to err.

"Exactly! We are not all surprised to learn this. If they are men like the rest, they will be liable to err. BUT IS NOT THE WHOLE THING AN ERROR OF JUDGMENT—A GIGANTIC MISTAKE OR IS IT DELIBERATE FRAUD? Pursuing the subject we read. 'Directly the Mahatma comes to deal with the higher mystery of spiritual science (the writer means occult science). He does so by virtue of the exercise of his Mahatma attributes, and in dealing with these can hardly be recognized as liable to err."

We may inquire, "Why not?"

"We might be better able to judge the actual worth of the 'science' if the knowledge or information came

to us direct—from an authentic source instead of *through* others, who, however anxious they may be to impart occultism, are, we presume, *not infallible;* and if the supposed Mahatmas are liable to err, those through whom they speak are liable to err."

We see from the foregoing that the people of England are as suspicious and antagonistic to Madame Blavatsky's "Mahatmas," and "Masters of Wisdom," as is the DIVINE LIFE MAGAZINE. "The foregoing being written by one "Johanna," a pseudonyme of an English lady, who published "The Coming Christ; Christ in You," and who gratefully sent us a consignment for distribution. We may add that this MAHATMA business is the curse of the present day Theosophical Movement throughout the World. We believe had Madame Blavatsky and her occult supporters been ejected from the Society back in 1875, the Society today would have eclipsed all spiritual movements now extant in America and all the other Countries throughout the Globe. The whole trouble with "MAHATMAS" is their inability to give a message that will comport with their high station. I have yet to read one letter or message, purported to have come from their inner station where these exalted egos abide that proves to me that they are other than a league of exalted charlatans giving out something over the heads of the People in order to convey the impression that a Supernatural air pervades their thought that should be held in awe and reverence and all reason, inquiry and judgment should be abandoned and the eyes closed when they speak with authority, and not as the scribes.

I believe were the whole truth known all the occult orders here in America today including Theosophy

(Besant, Tingley, Johnston and the United Lodge of Theosophists), together with every sole order denominating itself Rosicrucian are guided by these Monsters, "THE MAHATMAS, or MASTERS OF WISDOM." This no doubt will be denied by the various societies as one society will claim their Masters are of a more exalted order than the other!

Upon my recent visit to the Rosicrucian Order at Oceanside, Calif., where Mrs. Max Heindel holds sway, I met a seemingly bright English lady in the courts who on being informed that I was a Theosophist asked what group I belonged to. My reply, "The Independent Theosophical Society of America, and that we have no use for the Masters of Wisdom." To which she exclaimed, "Neither do we. That is, we would not even think of touching the hem of their garments, say nothing of coming into their presence or using them for our own selfish ends!"

See the Glamour!

America and its pseudo-occult Societies are entirely under the control of these vampires; these magicians of the Dark Portals and the whole house will fall soon as a house of cards, played by one H. P. BLAVATSKY, and trumped by Mrs. Annie Besant, Kathryne Tingley, Charles Johnston, Charles Leadbeater, A. P. Sinnett, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Lazenby, Irving Cooper, Mr. Jinarajadasa, Mrs. Henry Hotchner, Dr. Van Hook, A. P. Warrington, B. P. Wadia, Albert E. S. Smythe, Julia Sommers and the various heads of Theosophy here in America, Europe and India, together with The Temple Artisan of Halcyon, Calif., Ida Pringle of Practical Christianity and the various other independent groups that go to join Rosicrucianism in its wholesale deception of these "MASTERS

OF WISDOM," as presented by Max Heindel in his "Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception."

It's All a Fraud!

And the sooner Americans get wise to this occult thievery and deception the sooner will they eject all these fake orders from their shores! There are no Masters save the Masters of Fraud and Trickery, and they not only confine their activities to the Occult Societies throughout the World but pervade the seance rooms where they appear as Guides, Elder Brothers and Great Souls!

If Americans do not soon stop this wholesale onslaught on the minds and souls of their rising generation, the lunatic asylums will not hold all the future cases of obsession, and astral possession which it engenders. If Mrs. Annie Besant were today examined by an unbiased psychiatrist he would without a doubt diagnose her case as one of "paranoia," i.e., meaning insane on one subject, "THE MASTERS OF WISDOM," and she is only one case of many more violent cases who see things that even the inmates of our common insane asylums fail to see!

THE COMING CHRIST

AM somewhat prone to speak on this subject as it concerns me as much and more than it does Mrs. Annie Besant. Mrs. Annie Besant has had her chance bringing forth a Coming Christ for America and the whole world and has failed miserably. The psychic gropings of J. Krishnamurti in league with his teacher, Mr. Leadbeater, failed to catch the masses as they expected and Krishnaji's message of "HAPPINESS?" didn't quite appeal to the World as one coming from a "Coming Christ."

He might come via "Hollywood," Movies, in picture form only, but as a writer, teacher and thinker, Krishnamurti is a decided blank and failure.

You will notice that his style is a mixture of Tagore's strain, coupled with an imitation of Lord Buddha and the Hindu Saints, but this stuff will never go down the throats of the *intelligentsia* of the American Republic. He may command a crowd of curiosity seekers before a camp fire at Ojai who come out in their autos to see the circus, but so far as taking Annie's pet seriously it is too much to swallow without smiling.

Mrs. Besant failed to take into account that Krishnaji is not prepared to assume such a gigantic role as to voice the sentiments of the World who look to a genius of the Spiritual Realms to give forth a message that will regenerate the World. The trouble with the whole affair is this. Had Mrs. Annie Besant herself any real spiritual perception she would never have accepted Leadbeater's rash challenge to try and put the boy across. She would have known in her own heart that the intellect will not capture the World without the proper spiritual unfoldment *within*. And that Krishnamurti simply doesn't possess. He is a dummy in Leadbeater's hands who can talk psychically through him.

Remember Mrs. Besant's words when his first initiation was supposed to have taken place: "His body lies at Adyar, but his Soul has gone to Tibet for initiation by the Masters." She should have said, "His body is now in a state of hypnotic trance while my colleague Mr. Leadbeater has the boy in his astral power giving him his 'At the Feet of the Master!'"

Oh, the wholesale deception of the whole business,

but never mind. Mrs. Annie Besant will pay for her folly of providing False Christs to fool the World. She may come to find that it is as hard to make False Christs as it is to palm them off on the World when the aftermath hits her ship of state and leaves her floundered on a rock that will take ages of penance to undo.

"Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, you make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

"Thou hast to reach the fixity of mind, in which no breeze, however strong, can waft an earthly thought within." "Thus purified the shrine must of all action, sound, or earthly light be void."

JNANA-MARGA

Path of Pure Knowledge

OW many in the American Sections of the Theosophical Society have reached the Jnana-marga state of spiritual unfoldment? I am safe to say, not a single soul. I attended a lecture at the Theosophical Hall at 925 Flower St., Los Angeles, last Sunday evening at which a C. F. Holland, now vice-president of the American Section Theosophical Society, delivered an address on "Evolution of Consciousness and the Group Soul," at which about 100 people had gathered and I was unduly surprised that the American Section after its years of preparation cannot produce anything better in the way of a lecturer than C. F. Holland. He was not even mediocre and it was painful to sit and listen to a man explain something that he had not himself gained a clear conception.

When he finished his lecture, I was more than convinced that the animals he was speaking of had more intelligence than the lecturer himself. And this is Theosophy in the American Section today. No wonder the Annie Besant Section is going to perdition at the express rate. No wonder they worship Leaders. It is simply on this account that the followers have nothing in themselves. I am not exaggerating when I say that four people about me went sound to sleep hearing C. F. Holland, LL.B., expound his theory of Evolution. Dull evening? Rather.

The Theosophical members are too much bent on hearing lectures and do not themselves study enough to acquaint themselves with the T. S. literature. Oh, perhaps they study works by Mrs. Besant, Charles Leadbeater and Mr. Rogers on Occultism and Psychic Revelations, but they have all missed the way when they allowed the Leaders to withhold the three jewels, The Voice of the Silence, Light on the Path and the Bhagavad Gita by John Davies (and no other translation will do). I am thoroughly convinced that Mr. Holland wouldn't know the inside of the Bhagavad Gita if he saw it. Oh, perhaps he read Mrs. Besant's (false translation) but I affirm that Mr. Holland, the vice-president of the American Section has not risen far above the mental plane to enable him to explain higher states of consciousness.

An American Section in truth as well as in name should possess a corps of speakers and teachers that would be a credit to American Theosophy. Brilliant in their presentation of the subject, bright and alert to all phases of the subject from aspiration, contemplation, meditation up to Realization of the Self in union with the Higher Self! I venture to say if Mr. Holland

were approached on the subject of the Higher Self he would, like the Pharasees of old, exclaim, "I do not know even if there be any such thing as a Higher Self." And yet Mrs. Besant expects a Coming Christ to appear in their ranks!

I think Mrs. Besant had better prepare her own self for the Coming and the Coming will take care of itself.

A COMING CHRIST

NOW since Mrs. Annie Besant refuses to admit that her Krishnamurti is any other than the reincarnation of Jesus Christ and of Maitreya Buddha, we are prone to believe that Mrs. Besant's sanity needs to be questioned. I know Americans are as easily led by the deception as are Englishmen and Indians, but we need more than the writings of Krishnaji, the prophecies in "Rents in the Veil of Time," by Mr. Leadbeater and his clairvoyant investigations and the assertions of Mrs. Annie Besant as Head of the Theosophical Society to convince us.

If I were Members of the Theosophical Society who belong at least to the American Section of which Mrs. Besant is its Head and President, I should demand an outright explanation from Mrs. Besant as to why Krishnamurti told the deliberate-falsehood that it was at his own instigation that the Order of the Star in the East was dissolved. For the members of the American Section were themselves behind the move which pressure brought to bear on Mrs. Besant caused her to withdraw her support of the Order and her demand that Krishnaji cease his activities as the Guilding Star.

When we examine the writings of Mrs. Besant and find in them the statement that "so far as Jesus Christ

is concerned he simply never existed," we are anxious to inquire, why little Krishnamurti is regarded by the same old lady as the reincarnation of the same personage whose existence she is prone to deny? I think if the truth were known by the general American Public and the World at large Mrs. Besant is as much under the hypnotic glamour and influence of Charles Leadbeater as is Lord Krishnamurti himself! For we cannot accept Mrs. Besant's constant contradictions without coming to the inevitable conclusions that something must be wrong somewhere. Were we to accuse Mrs. Besant of deliberate falsehood we would at once be accused by her followers of downright prejudice and outright defamation of her character. But how can any sane and intelligent person accept Mrs. Besant's pronouncements in things mundane and physical and then reconcile such statements with the clairvoyant happenings which she accepts from her friend Leadbeater as puerile and genuine without coming to the conclusion that it is either a case of love of Leadbeater's style or Leadbeater's magic which forces the old lady to depart from the common ways of honesty, decency and self respect.

This Coming Christ business was all hatched out by Mr. Leadbeater on the inner or psychic plane in league with the so-called Masters of Wisdom. Krishnaji was to lead the way, the Liberal Catholic Church was to follow therein and to cap the climax, Charles Leadbeater was to be proclaimed the real Christ, with his paramour, Mrs. Besant, as the World Mother; Krishnaji thereafter would only play the role of a misconception.

Then after the grand finale was exhibited to the World, Mrs. Besant was to bow down to the Holy

Hierarchy at Rome and renounce her Supreme rights as World Mother to the more real and ancient Virgin Mary with the POPE, LORD GOD OF HOSTS, as her true inspiration and guide!

Thus we see what this Coming Christ would lead us to should we permit this fraud to go on any further. You will notice kind reader that the Roman Catholic Church here in America are quite reticent regarding Mrs. Besant's activities in promoting and bringing forth Krishnamurti as the Coming Christ for they know full well in their hearts that Mrs. Annie Besant has not forsaken her first love—CATHOLICISM—and would betray the People, Lord God Almighty himself to see that the Church got its just deserts in the end.

THE THEOSOPHICAL MAHATMAS!

N THE October issue of "The Theosophical Path," the official organ of The Theosophical Society with Headquarters at Point Loma, Calif., H. T. Edge, M. A., D. LITT., writes, under the above heading, "The Theosophical Mahatmas." In order that the reader might fathom the *wisdom* of those who claim that these Masters actually exist, we present excerpts from the article that are pertinent to the question.

He says, "The Theosophical Mahatmas; how that most sacred name has been dragged in the mire! When first generous hearts offered that name to the public, was it not met by jeers and ribaldry? Accepted by the few in the Spirit wherein it was offered, and excepting the indifferent whom nothing can rouse, we may be pardoned, as to the rest of the public, in applying that severe if just censure meted out by a Master when

he spoke of casting your pearls to—those who have no use for them. Yet, even those animals did not jeer at the pearls.

"And later, when H. P. Blavatsky was no longer in coporeal presence among us, the *exploiters* of Theosophy turned the sacred name into a vanity, an absurdity, a laughing-stock; so that, not merely must Theosophical writers shun the topic, but the very name itself durst not be used.

"Again we say it is with heartful thankfulness that we now lay aside the synonym, the substitute, the veiled hint, the circumlocution; and print publicly at the head of our article a name that has meant so much to ourselves and is fraught with so much interest to those we address.

Personalities and Principles

"Principles rules all; at the root of life they lie. Yet a principle is nugatory and naught except in relation to its expression, its manifestation, its imbodiment. To what end do we cherish principles, *if they are never to be expressed in conduct, never revealed in one who applies them?* The perfectibility of man! Beautiful thought, noble ideal! Then let us by all means fold our arms and shut our eyes and thoroughly enjoy it, and then go forth and behave like a very imperfect being and jeer at any idea that anybody can be better than ourselves. Yes the perfectibility of man is a great thing, but I will tell you what is greater—a perfected man.

"Having thus introduced the personal element, I need no further apology for continuing it; and feel sure that I shall interest my readers more if, instead of talking about experiences in the abstract, I speak of my own.

Personal Recollections

"It was in 1887 that I first heard of Theosophy; and what was the one thing in it which attracted—which enthralled — me more than any other? It was the Mahatmas, the Masters of Wisdom. And who would not be enthralled by such an ideal? This idea of Masters of Wisdom and Light, Brothers of Compassion, had reconciled two sorely conflicting and apparently incompatible elements in my nature. . . ."

"Now here in the teaching about the Theosophical Mahatmas, I found the conflict harmonized, my doubts set at rest. Wisdom and Power were not incompatible with Conscience, Honor, Justice, Mercy. A man might climb without trampling down his fellowmen.

'H. P. Blavatsky had in her room, standing on an easel, an oil painting of one of the Masters of Wisdom. It was that which made so potent and enduring an impression on me. . . .

"Let us get rid of the idea of mystery. Mystery is an essential part of the trappings of quackery. Theosophists are as anxious as the public can be to be rid of this. Unfriendly critics — those anxious to get Theosophy out of their way—have sneered: 'Why do you place your Mahatmas in inaccessible places?'— which is tantamount to accusing us of intentional fraud, of teaching the existence of people in whom we do not ourselves believe. Needless to say we shall be glad to be rid of the imputation.

"The actual facts are plain, straightforward, simple, reasonable. First, a Theosophist's belief in the perfectibility of man is not a mere pleasing fancy and idle dream. Second, the perfectibility of man is not relegated to an ever receding future. Third, is not restricted to an inimitable Christ, but is open to all

men. Fourth, the Path of Enlightenment has been followed for ages in the remote past. Fifth, men are at different stages of their own evolution. Sixth, the truth of Reincarnation allows infinite time for the growth of a Soul. Putting which things together, we reach the conclusion that there must be such men that have reached a high stage of evolution and become perfected, through many successive trials and initiations, in the knowledge and mastery of human powers and of cosmic powers co-ordinated therewith.

Why Do We Not See the Masters of Wisdom?

"The fact that we do not see a thing does not necessarily mean that it is not there. The Masters do not need to be present in their visible corporeal presence; for one of the attainments which they have made is the power to act and move consciously in one of the subtiler forms of imbodiment.

"The body which they then have is what we call (necessarily borrowed from another language a word for which there is no equivalent in our own) the Ma-yavi rupa, 'the form used by an Adept when appearing at a distance from his physical body.' Thus he might be present but invisible except to those who had acquired the power to see (clairvoyantly) or to those to whom he might wish to reveal himself. This fact alone will suffice to explain why a Master should find it unnecessary to transport his physical body long distances by the usual slow and cumbrous means of travel.'

"Further the work which the Masters have to do is chiefly of a kind that does not require their presence among us at all. That they usually live in sequestered parts of the world is not a subterfuge invented by Theosophists but a fact; and its reason is sufficiently

obvious when we consider that all workers will naturally choose those surroundings most conducive to the efficient performance of their particular work.

"It should be clearly understood, however, that these Masters are willing to make themselves known to such as can qualify themselves for that privilege; and that the road to that qualification is by progress in Theosophical knowledge and work, a pure life, and sincere devotion to the Great Cause for which the Masters work.

"I remember that in the early days, I myself and others used to regard the attainment of Adeptship, or even the coming into contact with the Adepts, as an object of ardent ambition; whereas now the ideal seems to me so lofty that I feel much more inclined to shrink from it through a sense of unworthiness. The frailties of my nature having been more fully revealed to me, I no longer desire to thrust myself into positions for which I am not fit."

Then Why, Pray Tell, an Article on Theosophical Mahatmas?

In the foregoing we have a clear conception of self-hypnosis of a man, who believes in Masters of Wisdom and in his frailty defends them as existing (if not for himself then for others more worthy), swears by the Masters, yet assures us that they do not require their presence here among us at all, and that today the ideal of contacting them seems so lofty that his own unworthiness makes him shrink from an unfitful position. What better argument have mediums who sport with Masters of the seance room?

This, dear reader, is the position of all Theosophists today. Take the Masters of Wisdom away from the Society and they would leave it in a hurry. Why?

Because with Mr. Edge they have nothing in themselves that represents inwardly what they emotionally worship outwardly. I am not one who as Mr. Edge says is an *exploiter* of Theosophy, who wishes to turn the sacred name into a vanity, an absurdity, a laughing-stock, so that Theosophical writers must shun the word Master, on the other hand, I contend the phrase "Master of Wisdom and of Compassion, 'Mahatmas'," who dwell in seclusion and who guide and guard the Evolution of the Race as presented by Madame Blavatsky and supported by her followers is *the greatest exploitation that was ever imposed upon the Human Race,* because it is not and never was meant in Theosophical teaching. It is Occultism, and not Theosophy, and the former should never be confounded and identified with the latter.

I believe and know of an inner Master, my own Higher Self, but when Mr. Edge tells me that my perfectibility in attaining union therewith is equal to and on a par with the idea of a Theosophical Mahatma, I have the only alternative of telling him that he has been misinformed and should not confuse the two terms, which is so patent in his article.

He says, "Principles rule all." That should suffice any true Theosophist, and in the application thereof should man find himself to be the Master thereof and not someone outside himself. But he adds, "To what end do we cherish principles, if they are never to be expressed in conduct, never revealed in one who applies them? The perfectibility of Man? Beautiful thought, noble ideal!" Then he adds, "Having thus introduced the personal element, I need no further apology for continuing it and feel sure that I shall interest my readers more if, instead of talking about

experiences in the abstract, I speak of my own."

Now here Mr. Edge digresses, for it is about his experience in the abstract (as he terms it), this application of Principles is the matter which concerns us, this attaining union with the Higher Self (with the inner Master), and in dwelling on his own experiences which turns out to be "The Theosophical Mahatmas," he needs more apology than he would have us believe.

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Then Mr. Edge goes on to say, "Let us get rid of mystery!" I would reply, let us better get rid of Madame Blavatsky's so-called Masters and the mystery will disappear of itself.

They may borrow the word, "MAHATMA," from

another language to make it more palatable to Americans, but they will come to find that TRUTH runs through all languages, and in transposing one term, with one meaning, in one language into another term, with another meaning, into another language they have abrogated their Trust as sorry custodians of TRUTH entrusted to them by their Theosophical Mahatmas.

Mr. Edge is not a Theosophist, he is a sensation-monger, a phenomena-worshiper, a psychic-groper, an Occultist who sees things and who like Madame Blavatsky cursed herself in the end for being deceived by her own hallucinations—THE MASTERS OF WISDOM!

Confirming our contention that Mr. Edge falsifies his position when he maintains that a lay pupil can become a Master or Mahatma in this life, we quote G. de Purucker, M. A., D. LITT., in the November issue of "The Theosophical Path," an Elder Brother himself who recently succeeded Madame Tingley as Head of the Point Loma organization. He says, "The time will come *in far distant eons of the future* when man having become an incarnate human god will live in these invisible realms or worlds or spheres of which I have spoken and therein pursue a destiny which will be sublime because Divine in its character."

All words, dear Brothers, but not one iota of attainment, showing conclusively that these followers of Madame Blavatsky and her Theosophical Masters have simply missed the WAY and failed to find the Christ Within themselves to be their only Master and true Guide.

It is not Theosophy; it is Occultism with vengeance as you pay the price of Soul disintegration by following it!

-Harry E. Richeimer.

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